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Docket No. 837.1186

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re the Application of:

Yoshitaka SHIMURA et al.

(IN TRIPLICATE)

Serial No. 09/168,688

Group Art Unit: 2633

Confirmation No. 2794

Filed: October 9, 1998

Examiner: D. Singh

For: OPTICAL SENDER, TERMINAL DEVICE, AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EACH HAVING THE OPTICAL SENDER

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an extension of time into the first month after the response due date, i.e., until December 24, 2003.

A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR § 1.17 of \$110.00 is attached hereto for this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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